

invention. In particular, Applicant directs the Examiner's attention to col. 4, lines 16-18 wherein it states:

"This X-shaped link mechanism is provided with first and second link members 11 and 12 having the same length. The respective link members 11 and 12 are pivotally connected by the pin 13 at an intermediate position."

In view of the above, therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that elements 11 and 12 of Ohshima are not slide plates in the sense of Applicant's invention. Still further, Applicant respectfully submits that Ohshima contains a single moving plate 2 which slides in a lateral direction (see col. 5, lines 26-30) and does not disclose two slide plates as is required by Applicant's invention.

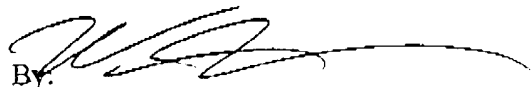
In view of the above, therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that Ohshima does not disclose each and every element of Applicant's invention as claimed by claims 1 and 2 and claims 1 and 2 are not anticipated thereby.

In view of the above, therefore, it is respectfully requested that this Rule 116 Amendment be entered, favorably considered and the case passed to issue.

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